

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Yuji NOMURA**

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For : **METHOD FOR ALLOCATING NETWORK....**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

5. (Amended) The method for allocating network aggregation bandwidth according to claim 1,

wherein, when an access line bandwidth is changed to make an aggregation bandwidth different from either the destination or originating bandwidth, or produce inverted interrelation in the bandwidth size between said destination bandwidth and said originating bandwidth, an aggregation path and an aggregation bandwidth are newly obtained.

6. (Amended) The method for allocating network aggregation bandwidth according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

in a server provided in said inter-site connection network,  
calculating the aggregation path and the aggregation bandwidth;  
and

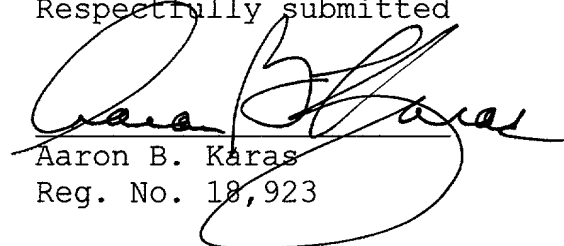
when bandwidth resource possible to reserve exists in said  
inter-site connection network, transmitting to each transit node  
an indication information of an aggregation path included in a  
bandwidth allocation message to be transmitted in forward and  
backward direction.

#### REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made  
to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is  
captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted



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